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U.S. Food & Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket 98P-0151/CP1

Dear Sirs:

I urge the Food and Drug Administration to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Animals who are too sick or injured to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains-inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions, to broken bones and torn ligaments.

Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Fischer". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Robert Fischer
Pres.

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